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Letter dated 6 July 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, which established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE).

As you are aware, Major-General Robert Gordon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) has served as the Force Commander of UNMEE since 1 November 2002. As his tour of duty is coming to an end, I would like to acknowledge the exemplary dedication and professionalism with which he has served in this important peacekeeping operation.

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Major-General Rajender Singh (India) as UNMEE's next Force Commander. He is expected to arrive in the mission area in the second half of July 2004.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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